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ABSTRACT

This document addresses transfer destinations of CCSF students by tracking students that transferred from community colleges between the Summer 1997 and Spring 2001 terms. Overall, 72,053 students were tracked during the study. A majority (87%) of these students transferred to public schools while a minority (13%) transferred to private schools. Some of the key findings of the report are as follows: (1) 90% of transfer students remained in California; (2) the most popular public transfer institution is San Francisco State University; (3) of the students transferring to California schools, 13% transferred to a private college; (4) the most popular private California colleges are University of San Francisco, Golden Gate University, and Heald College; (5) a slightly higher proportion of African-American and White students transfer to out of state institutions than other ethnic groups; (6) a slightly higher proportion of Filipino students chose to enroll in private institutions than other ethnic groups; (7) Latino students transferred primarily to Californian schools; top out of state schools are Community College of Southern Nevada and University of Texas at El Paso; and (8) Asian/Pacific Islander students transfer to California public institutions in higher proportions than other student groups. (Contains 11 tables.) (MZ)

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Until recently, the California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) provided the only source of data for City College student transfers. The CPEC data relies on CSU and UC counts of actual numbers of students transferring from community colleges to CSU and UC in the current year.

Now, City College can track student transfers to most post-secondary institutions within and outside the state, both private and public, through the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC). The NSC keeps student records from more than 80 percent of all post-secondary institutions in the nation.

There are many definitions associated with community college student transfer data. Two of the best known include:

1. **Student Right To Know (SRTK):** based on tracking a cohort of fulltime, first-time freshmen over three years past their initial entry into the college system.

2. **State Chancellor's Office:** focuses on cohorts of new students in fall semesters that subsequently completed 12 or more units and attempted either an English or mathematics transfer-level course in a six-year period following the start of their education.

These cohort definitions differ from the one used in this report. For our purposes, the students tracked are CCSF "leavers." Students' ending term, rather than their starting term, defines the cohort. In this case, we tracked leavers between Summer 1997 and Spring 2001 terms, for a total of four full academic years.

Tracking leavers in this way allows for the observation of everyone enrolled. When examining a starting cohort of students, those still enrolled are counted as unsuccessful. Even with a six-year window after the starting date of enrollment for the State's transfer report, nearly 10 percent of CCSF students remain enrolled. This 10 percent is heavily weighted to basic skills-placed students. The SRTK 3-year cohort amplifies this problem.

The timeframe for tracking students starting, rather than leaving, presents another challenge. In the State's tracking of students, it examines 1993, 1994, and 1995 starting cohorts, clearly presenting more dated information than the 1997 through 2001 leaver cohorts examined in this report. Leaver data provides more current information than when using a starter cohort.

Last, our approach examines the success of all students, not just those who have completed a certain number of units, or who have attempted math or English transfer courses (the State's approach) or are new fulltime students to the College (the SRTK approach). Our method focuses more on all students' successful attainment of their desired educational goals and less on a limited cohort, thereby providing an opportunity to identify ways to better support students' educational interests and needs.

As mentioned, this report examines a total of 72,053 CCSF student leavers from Summer 1997 through Spring 2001. Approximately 25 percent of these students already have a bachelor or

higher degree and most likely enrolled at CCSF to attain a specific skill or competency. Approximately 5 percent of leavers received either a certificate or an associate degree; and 30 percent transferred to other post-secondary institutions, both two and four-year schools. The data from the NSC does not provide us with information about the remaining 40 percent of student leavers.

After reviewing the NSC data for student leavers, we found that:

1. The great majority (90 percent) of student transfers remain in California.
2. The most popular public, post-secondary institution in California is San Francisco State University. A significant number of students transfer to California community colleges, including Skyline, Laney, Foothill, Diablo Valley College, and San Mateo.[1]
3. Of the students transferring to California schools, 13 percent transferred to a private college.
4. Among the 10 most popular private California institutions are University of San Francisco, Golden Gate University, and the Heald Colleges.
5. Among the 10 most popular out-of-state schools, four are in New York and six are in the West.
6. A slightly higher proportion of African-American and White students transfer to out-of-state institutions than other ethnic groups. Top choices for African-American students are Clark Atlanta University, Howard University, and Tuskegee University.
7. A slightly higher proportion of Filipino students enrolled in private institutions than other ethnic groups.
8. Latino student transfer primarily to California schools; top out-of-state schools are Community College of Southern Nevada and University of Texas at El Paso.
9. Asian/Pacific Islander students transfer to California public institutions in higher proportions than other student groups.

[1] While many CCSF students enroll in other Bay Area community colleges, approximately an equal number from those same colleges enroll at CCSF. It is part of the "free flow" system within the State's community colleges that enables students to enroll in any college, not just the one in their service area. New studies within California suggest that students "swirl" through many colleges during their undergraduate career; the old model that envisions a student enrolling in one community college and transferring to one baccalaureate institution is now being replaced with multiple enrollments in many schools.

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1. **How many CCSF students transfer to California post-secondary institutions? How many transfer to out-of-state institutions?**

	Out-of-State Transfer		California Transfer		Other Education Goals	
Academic Year	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
1997	634	4%	4,898	30%	10,581	66%
1998	645	4%	4,793	28%	11,654	68%
1999	519	3%	4,721	26%	12,958	71%
2000	425	2%	4,616	22%	15,609	76%
Total:	**2,223**	**3%**	**19,028**	**26%**	**50,802**	**71%**

2. **How many of the California transfer students went to public vs. private colleges?**

	Private		Public		
Academic year	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Total
1997	711	15%	4,187	85%	4,898
1998	636	13%	4,157	87%	4,793
1999	571	12%	4,150	88%	4,721
2000	545	12%	4,071	88%	4,616
Total:	**2,463**	**13%**	**16,565**	**87%**	**19,028**

3. **What are the top 25 public California colleges for CCSF transfer students?**

California Public College	Approximate Total[2]
1. San Francisco State University	8000
2. Skyline	2200
3. University of California - Berkeley	1200
4. College of San Mateo	1200
5. Laney College	700
6. San Jose State University	700
7. Foothill College	500
8. University of California - Davis	500
9. Diablo Valley College	400
10. Chabot College	400
11. College of Marin	400
12. Santa Rosa Junior College	400
13. De Anza College	300
14. University of California - Los Angeles	300
15. Canada College	300
16. San Francisco State Continuing Education	300
17. Vista College	300

[2] Approximate totals are used because some students and/or institutions can block data in the NCS system, making it difficult to determine an absolute count.

18. Merritt College	300
19. College of Alameda	200
20. California State University - Hayward	200
21. University of California - Santa Cruz	200
22. Contra Costa College	200
23. Santa Monica College	200
24. University of California - San Francisco	200
25. Ohlone College	200

4. What are the top 10 out-of-state institutions accepting CCSF transfer students?

Out-of-State Colleges	Approximate Total
1. Portland Community College	100
2. New York University	70
3. Columbia University	60
4. Community College of Southern Nevada	50
5. Portland State University	40
6. Hunter College (City University of New York)	40
7. Fashion Institute of Technology	40
8. New School University	30
9. University of Oregon	25
10. Boston College	25
University of Arizona	25
Seattle Community College	25
University of Washington - Seattle	25

5. What are the top 10 California private institutions accepting CCSF transfer students?

California Private Colleges	Approximate Total
1. University of San Francisco	700
2. Golden Gate University	500
3. Heald Business College	400
4. Academy of Art College	400
5. University of Phoenix	300
6. Heald Institute of Technology	200
7. Mills College	100
8. University of Southern California	70
9. California Institute of Integral Studies	60
10. Devry University - Fremont	60
Notre Dame De Namur University	60

6. How many students by ethnic group transfer to California vs. out-of-state colleges?

	Out-of-State		California		Other Education Goals		
Ethnic Group	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	**Total**
African American	233	4%	1,238	20%	4,810	77%	6,281
American Indian/Alaskan	15	3%	100	21%	357	76%	472
Asian/Pacific Islander	313	2%	5,804	31%	12,337	67%	18,454
Filipino	76	1%	1,584	30%	3,557	68%	5,217
Hispanic/Latino	208	2%	2,348	24%	7,068	73%	9,624
Other Non White	30	3%	343	29%	814	69%	1,187
White Non Hispanic	1,184	4%	6,443	24%	18,947	71%	26,574
Unknown/No Response	164	4%	1,168	28%	2,912	69%	4,244
Total:	**2,223**	**3%**	**19,028**	**26%**	**50,802**	**71%**	**72,053**

7. How many students by ethnic group transfer to CSU, UC, or other community colleges?

	CCC		CSU Campuses		Other Education Goal		UC Campuses		
Ethnic Group	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	**Total**
African American	529	9%	446	7%	4,810	77%	45	1%	6,281
American Indian	46	10%	24	5%	357	76%	10	2%	472
Asian	1,789	9%	2,694	15%	12,337	67%	685	4%	18,454
Filipino	747	14%	462	9%	3,557	68%	54	1%	5,217
Hispanic/Latino	1,080	11%	803	8%	7,068	73%	139	1%	9,624
Other Non White	126	10%	135	11%	814	69%	37	3%	1,187
White Non Hispanic	2,285	8%	2,612	10%	18,947	71%	640	2%	26,574
Unknown/No Response	350	8%	544	13%	2,912	69%	125	3%	4,244
Total:	**6,952**	**10%**	**7,720**	**11%**	**50,802**	**71%**	**1,735**	**2%**	**72,053**

8. How many students by ethnic group transfer to private vs. public colleges?

	Private		Public		Other Education Goals		
Ethnic Group	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	**Total**
African American	236	4%	1,235	20%	4,810	77%	6,281
American Indian/Alaskan	19	4%	96	20%	357	76%	472
Asian/Pacific Islander	657	4%	5,460	30%	12,337	67%	18,454
Filipino	324	6%	1,336	26%	3,557	68%	5,217
Hispanic/Latino	335	3%	2,221	23%	7,068	73%	9,624
Other Non White	49	4%	324	27%	814	69%	1,187
White Non Hispanic	983	4%	6,644	25%	18,947	71%	26,574
Unknown/No Response	163	4%	1,169	28%	2,912	69%	4,244
Total:	**2,766**	**4%**	**18,485**	**26%**	**50,802**	**71%**	**72,053**

9. What institutions do African-American students transfer to?[3]

College	Total
San Francisco State University	386
Skyline College	97
College of San Mateo	59
University of Phoenix	54
Chabot College	51
University of San Francisco	34
Heald Business College	30
University of California - Berkeley	27
Contra Costa College	25
Golden Gate University	25
Foothill College	22
Los Medanos College	22
Sacramento City College	22
Diablo Valley College	20
San Jose State University	20
American River College	16
College of Marin	16
Solano County Community College	16
Academy of Art College	15
Cosumnes River College	15
Canada College	13
San Joaquin Delta College	13
California State University - Sacramento	12
Santa Rosa Junior College	11
Napa Valley College	10
Fresno City College	9
Clark Atlanta University	8
Heald Institute of Technology	8
Howard University	8
Ohlone College	8
Santa Monica College	8
San Francisco State University Continuing Education	7
Hartnell Community College	6
Las Positas College	6
San Diego City College	6
St Mary's College of California	6
Tuskegee University	6
Washington State University	6

[3] Omitted from this list are colleges that block all student data in the NCS. Local colleges include CSU-Hayward, Laney, Merritt, Vista, and Alameda Colleges where a significant number of CCSF students go.

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10. What institutions do Latino students transfer to?[4]

College	Total
San Francisco State University	709
Skyline College	318
College of San Mateo	136
University of California - Berkeley	88
Heald Business College	86
Diablo Valley College	61
University of San Francisco	49
Chabot College	46
Foothill College	43
San Jose State University	43
Academy of Art College	41
College of Marin	36
Contra Costa College	35
Canada College	34
De Anza College	33
Los Medanos College	33
Golden Gate University	31
University of Phoenix	26
Heald Institute of Technology	20
Sacramento City College	19
Santa Monica College	18
Hartnell Community College	17
American River College	15
San Francisco State University Continuing Education	15
Napa Valley College	14
Santa Rosa Junior College	14
University of California - Davis	14
Ohlone College	13
Cosumnes River College	12
San Diego Mesa College	12
University of California - Los Angeles	12
Las Positas College	11
San Diego City College	10
Santa Ana College	10
University of California - Santa Cruz	10
Community College of Southern Nevada	9
San Joaquin Delta College	9
Devry University - Fremont	8
Fresno City College	8
Los Angeles City College	8
Modesto Junior College	8
Notre Dame De Namur University	8
Los Angeles Valley College	7
University of Texas at El Paso	7

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11. What institutions do Asian/Pacific Island students transfer to?[5]

College	Total
San Francisco State University	2,246
Skyline College	699
University of California - Berkeley	371
San Jose State University	313
College of San Mateo	282
Golden Gate University	155
University of California – Davis	127
Foothill College	126
DeAnza College	115
Heald Buiness College	93
Academic of Art College	90
Chabot College	81
University of San Francisco	79
University of California - Los Angeles	65
Diablo Valley College	60
Ohlone College	54
Cal Polytechnic State University	52
University of California - San Diego	49
University of Phoenix	46
Heald Institute of Technology	40
Sacramento City College	40
Canada College	39
San Francisco State University Continuing Education	36
University of California - Santa Cruz	31
Santa Monica College	29
College of Marin	28
Devry University - Fremont	23
Pasadena City College	22
University of Southern California	19
New York University	15
University of California - Santa Barbara	15
Hartnell Community College	14
American River College - Los Rios District	12
Contra Costa College	12
Mount San Antonio College	12
University of California - Irvine	12
California State University - Long Beach	11
Mission College	11
Notre Dame De Namur University	10
Samuel Merritt College	10
Santa Clara University	10
University of California - Extension	10
California State Polytechnic	9
Cosumnes River College - Los Rios District	9

[5]Omitted from this list are colleges that block all student data in the NSC. Local colleges include CSU-Hayward, Laney, Merritt, Vista, and Alameda Colleges where a significant number of CCSF students transfer.

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